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PROBLEM:

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 25, 2002 fails to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each document. The Examiner is wrong in refusing to consider the Information Disclosure Statement for the following reason.

37 C.F.R. 1.98(d) states that copies of publications listed in an Information Disclosure Statement are not required to be provided if the information was cited or submitted in a prior application. In the present case, all of the prior art publications listed in the Information Disclosure Statement were submitted in parent application Serial No. 09/203,638, and the present application relies upon the parent application for an

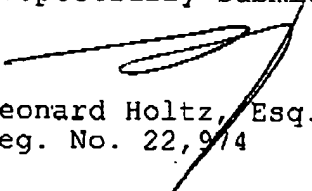
earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. Thus, according to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), it is not required for applicant to provide copies of the documents listed in the Information Disclosure Statement, since these documents were already supplied. In this regard, see also the top of page 13 of the PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT filed July 25, 2001.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner supply a fully initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A filed July 25, 2001, to confirm that all of the documents listed therein have been considered and made of record.

For the Examiner's convenience, transmitted herewith is a fresh copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A filed July 25, 2001, for the Examiner's use in providing a fully initialed copy thereof.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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